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Dr McDonald,

As previously indicated in a telephonic interview, the final rejection of 4/20/2004 has been withdrawn. Applicant is not required to reply to that office action. A new action will be issued by the USPTO as soon as is feasible. Thank you.

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed on April 20, 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKSThe Office Action

Claims 1-19 are pending. Poly(ethylene glycol) dithiol and poly(ethylene glycol) tetraacrylate are the elected species. Claims 1-19 stand rejected for obviousness in view of Hubbell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,573,934).